

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

DEUTSCHE BANK, etc.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LEOLA CHILDRESS, et al.,

Defendants.

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CASE NO. 1:06cv423

DEFAULT JUDGMENT
[Resolving Doc. No. 11]

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Plaintiff Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, etc.,^{1/} moves for default judgment and a decree of foreclosure against the following defendants: (1) Leola Childress, (2) any unknown spouse of Leola Childress (collectively, the “Default Defendants”). [Doc. 11].

The plaintiff filed its lawsuit on February 24, 2006, seeking to recover on a defaulted note and mortgage that Leola Childress executed in April 2005. The plaintiff also seeks to foreclose on the mortgage.

Although the plaintiff properly served all defendants with copies of the complaint and summons, none of them responded. Due to the Default Defendants’ failure to defend or otherwise appear in this action, on March 24, 2006, the plaintiff submitted a request for entries of default. [Doc. 7]. On March

^{1/}The complaint identifies the plaintiff as “Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series Quest 2005-X2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 2005.”

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27, 2006, the Clerk of Courts entered default against Leola Childress and Childress's spouse (if any). [Doc. 10]. Also on March 27, 2006, the plaintiff filed its Motion for Default Judgment and Decree in Foreclosure against the Default Defendants. [Doc. 11].

The plaintiff has satisfied all of the requirements for default judgment against Defendants Childress and Childress's spouse (if any). After considering the papers submitted in connection with the application, the papers on file in this action, and the applicable law, the Court finds as follows:

- (1) The Clerk of Courts entered default against the Default Defendants on March 27, 2006.
- (2) No Default Defendant is a minor, incompetent person, or current member of the military service.
- (3) The plaintiff served copies of the summons and complaint upon Defendant Childress and her unknown spouse (if any) on February 28, 2006, by personal delivery. Defendant Childress and her unknown spouse (if any) did not appear in this action, did not answer, and did not file other defenses.
- (4) The Default Defendants have made no appearance since the entry of default.
- (5) As for Counts One and Two of the Complaint, the plaintiff has established that, on April 13, 2005, Leola Childress executed a promissory note in favor of Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, that the plaintiff currently owns or services (the "Note"). The Note is in default, and the plaintiff is owed a principal balance of \$110,145.42, with interest at the rate of 8.3 percent per year from October 1, 2005, plus late charges, advances for taxes and insurance. [Doc. 12].
- (6) To secure payments due under the Note, Childress executed and delivered to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, the mortgage attached to the complaint as Exhibit B (the "Mortgage"). The Mortgage was recorded with the Cuyahoga County Recorder as Instrument Number 200504220025. The

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Mortgage is in default. The Mortgage is a valid and first lien upon the following property (the "Property"):

Situated in the City of Shaker Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio and known as being Sublot No. 20 in the Crawford Realty Company's East View Subdivision of part of Original Warrensville Township Lot No. 52, as shown by the recorded plat in Volume 62 of Maps, page 8 of Cuyahoga County Records, and being 40 feet front on the Westerly side of East 156th Street (now known as Menlo Road), 119.92 feet deep on the Northerly line, 119.89 feet deep on the Southerly line and 40 feet in the rear, as appears by said plat, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Parcel Number: 735-21-022

Commonly known as: 3584 Menlo Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that default judgment is entered against the Default Defendants for the plaintiff as follows:

(1) Unless the plaintiff receives the sums found to be due above within seven days from the date of the entry of this Judgment, the equity of redemption of the Default Defendants in the Property shall be foreclosed and the real estate sold, free and clear of the interest of all parties herein, and an order of sale shall issue to the United States Marshal of the Northern District of Ohio, directing him to seize, maintain control and custody, and sell the Property at public sale on the steps of the Cuyahoga County Courthouse, Cleveland, Ohio or by other commercially feasible means, as upon execution and according to law, after having the Property advertised according to law, particularly 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2002. The Court designates *Daily Legal News* as the appropriate newspaper in which to advertise the sale of the Property. The Marshal shall report his proceedings to this Court.

(2) The United States Marshal shall transmit to the plaintiff's counsel a copy of the publication

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notice promptly upon its first publication. If the United States Marshal returns an unexecuted Order of Sale, subsequent Orders of Sale shall issue according to the Court's instructions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the additional rights and responsibilities of the parties shall be as follows:

(1) The United States Marshal or his or her representative is authorized to have free access to the Property and to take all actions necessary to seize, maintain control and custody, and sell the Property.

(2) Leola Childress, or anyone else occupying the Property with the permission of Leola Childress, shall vacate the Property, taking with them their personal property within 30 days from the date that this order is entered (but leaving all improvements, buildings, fixtures, and appurtenances to the Property). Also within 30 days from the entry of this order, the Default Defendants are ordered to turn over all keys (including duplicates) to the Property to the U.S. Marshal, located at 801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113-1830. If any person occupying the Property fails or refuses to leave and vacate the realty by the time specified herein, the U.S. Marshal and his deputies are authorized and directed to take all actions that are reasonably necessary to bring about the ejection of those persons. If any person fails or refuses to remove his or her personal property from the Property by the time specified herein, the personal property remaining in or on the Property thereafter is deemed forfeited and abandoned, and the Marshal and his deputies are authorized to remove it and dispose of it in any manner the Marshal sees fit, including sale, in which case the proceeds of the sale are to be applied under the same guidelines as described herein for the proceeds of the sale of the Property.

(3) Until she vacates the Property, Leola Childress shall take all reasonable steps necessary to

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preserve the Property (including all buildings, improvements, fixtures, and appurtenances on the Property) in its current condition. Until the Property is sold, Leola Childress shall not commit waste against the Property, nor shall she cause or permit anyone else to do so.

(4) Once the Property is vacated, the plaintiff shall take whatever steps are necessary to preserve and maintain the realty, including retaining a locksmith or other person to change or install locks or other security devices on any part of the realty and insuring that no plumbing pipes and/or fixtures freeze and/or burst, until the deed to the realty is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(5) The purchaser of the Property is hereby subrogated to all rights of the lienholders in the premises to the extent of such payment and for the protection of its title.

(6) As the holder of the first lien (other than real estate taxes), the plaintiff is authorized to credit bid at the foreclosure sale the amount it is owed under this Judgment. Since the plaintiff is the first and best lienholder junior only to real estate taxes, if it is the successful bidder at the United States Marshal's sale, the plaintiff shall not be required to make a deposit at the time of sale.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshal, upon confirmation of said sale, shall distribute the proceeds of the sale in the following order of priority:

(1) To the United States Marshal, for his or her fees and to satisfy all costs incurred by the Marshal incident to the seizure, custody, control, advertising, and sale of the Property.

(2) To the Treasurer of Cuyahoga County, for taxes and assessments due and payable as of the date of transfer of the Property after the sale.

(3) To the plaintiff Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, etc., the sum of \$110,145.42, with

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interest at the rate of 8.3 percent per annum from October 1, 2005, together with late charges, plus advances, if any, the plaintiff made to protect its interest in the Property, plus costs and expenses the plaintiff incurred to enforce its rights under the Note and Mortgage.

(4) The balance of the sale proceeds, if any, shall be held by the United States Marshal to await further orders of distribution by this Court.

(5) The plaintiff shall pay any balance of all the Marshal's costs due and owing, and real estate taxes due and payable, when they are determined.

(6) Upon distribution of the proceeds of sale as described above and entry of an order confirming the sale and ordering a deed to the purchaser, the plaintiff shall file a certified copy of the order with the Cuyahoga County Recorder. The plaintiff shall direct the Cuyahoga County Recorder to enter the same on the margin of the records of the mortgages and liens, releasing the liens adjudicated herein from the premises.

Default judgment as specified above is entered against the Default Defendants for the plaintiff. All relief not expressly granted is denied. The Court retains jurisdiction over this matter to enforce the terms of this judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 13, 2006

s/ *James S. Gwin*
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE